

4. Fill in the blanks.

a) Consider the series $\sum_{n=112}^{\infty} \frac{3n^2}{5^n(2n^2+5)}$. Then $a_n = \frac{3n^2}{5^n(2n^2+5)}$. Let $b_n = \frac{3}{2.5^n}$. Then $a_n \leq b_n$ for large n and the series $\sum_{n=112}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=112}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2.5^n}$ converges to the real number $\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{(\frac{1}{5})^{1/2}}{1-\frac{1}{5}}$. Then, by the Comparison test, the series $\sum_{n=112}^{\infty} \frac{3n^2}{5^n(2n^2+5)}$ also converges.

$$\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{(\frac{1}{5})^{1/2}}{1-\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5^{1/2}} = \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{5^{1/2}}$$

b) If $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x+1)^n$, $a_n > 0$ and if the series converges at $x = \frac{1}{2}$, then

$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x+1)^n$ is valid in an interval about $x = -1$ which contains the point $x = \frac{1}{2}$. The minimum value of the corresponding radius of convergence R is $\frac{3}{2}$. Thus, the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} a_n}{n+1}$ converges to $-\int_C^{-1} f(x) dx$ where $C = -2$ since $x = -2$ should lie in the interval of convergence.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C^{-1} f(x) dx &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \left. \frac{(x+1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right|_{x=C}^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \left(0 - \frac{(-2+1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right) \\ &= - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad C+1 = -1 \Rightarrow C = -2 \\ &= - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$